



## Accreditation of Prior Learning List

Comparison of ACP Professional IT & Computer Science Awards with other UK Qualifications.

*This information has been prepared in conjunction with other agencies.  
Any omissions or errors should be notified by the relevant awarding bodies.*

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### Entry Level Qualifications

These include qualifications in basic communication, IT skills, numeracy, work and life skills.

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### Introductory and Foundation Level Qualifications – NQF Level 1

*BTEC Introductory Diploma:* A general qualification offered in a range of vocational subjects.

*City & Guilds:* Introductory level courses in a variety of specialised skills and crafts.

*NVQ Level 1:* Job-based training leading to an industry-standard qualification.

*GCSE:* Grade D to G

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### NQF Level 2 - Intermediate Level Qualifications = NVQ Level 2

*GCSE:* Grade A\* to C

*BTEC First Diploma:*

*City & Guilds:*

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### NQF Level 3 - Advanced Level Computer Qualifications = NVQ Level 3

*ACP Certificate in Information Technology & Programming* equates to the following recognised qualifications:

*A-Levels & AS-Levels:* Available in a range of academic and vocational subjects.

*BTEC National Qualification:* Normally offered in more specialised areas such as IT.

- 18 unit National Diploma (*merit/pass/pass*) = 3 A-Levels = 160 UCAS Tariff Points

- 12 unit National Certificate (*merit/merit*) = 2 A-Levels (*Grade C or above*) = 160 UCAS Points

*IMIS Foundation Diploma*

*ABE Diploma*

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### NQF Level 4 - Advanced Level Computer Qualifications = NVQ Level 4 (HE1)

*ACP Diploma in Information Systems Analysis & Design* equates to the following:

*IMIS Diploma*

*NCC Diploma*

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### NQF Level 5 - Higher Level Computer Qualifications = NVQ Level 4 (HE2)

*ACP Advanced Diploma in Computer Science* equates with the following qualifications

*Foundation Degrees*

*Edexcel Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Computing (HND)*

*BTEC Higher National Certificate (HNC)*

*IMIS Higher Diploma (new syllabus)*

*NCC Advanced Diploma*

*BCS Diploma*

*ABE Advanced Diploma*

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### University e.g. Bachelor (Hons) Degrees in Computing, Information Systems & Business Information Technology (HE3)

*Standard entry requirements = GCSEs in English & Mathematics – Grade C or above*

*or equivalent Level 3 Key Skills in Communication & Application of Number*

*+ a minimum of 160 UCAS Points earned from Computing subjects studied to A Level or equivalent*

*Entry requirement for BEng Software Engineering = minimum 200 UCAS points inc. 160 from*

*A-Level or equivalent e.g. ACP Diploma in Information Systems Analysis & Design*

**NOTE:** *ACP Diploma in Information Systems Analysis & Design = direct entry to 2<sup>nd</sup> year*

*ACP Advanced Diploma in Computer Science = direct entry to 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Bachelor Degree programmes at certain UK Universities*